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"I have always enjoyed working with attorneys to settle and resolve their clients' cases. JAMS is giving me the opportunity to continue to participate in the process of resolving disputes."

Hon. Daniel "Mike" Hanlon (Ret.) is known for his ability to settle complex cases involving a wide range of civil litigation issues. A former Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal and former Presiding Judge of the San Francisco Superior Court, Justice Hanlon's ADR experience and qualifications come from his distinguished 28-year tenure on the California trial and appellate courts.

ADR Experience and Qualifications

- Conducted more than 2,800 settlement conferences involving all types of civil litigation, including construction defect, insurance coverage, toxic tort, professional negligence, and personal injury matters
- Served as San Francisco Superior Court Complex Litigation Judge for DES cases, AIDS blood bank cases, toxic tort, environmental cases, and complex insurance coverage cases. He conducted the only DES market share determination trial in the United States.
- Serves as Special Master in complex insurance, toxic tort, and construction defect cases
- Serves as Neutral Arbitrator in complex insurance, as well as real estate and indemnity cases. Selected as Neutral Arbitrator for labor dispute under the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco

Representative Matters

- *Syntex Corp. v. Hartford Ins. Co.*, toxic cleanup insurance coverage
- *Hitz v. First Interstate Bank*, class action case involving commercial bank fees charged for loans and credit cards
- *Sugihara v. Kikkoman Corp.*, contract dispute between a franchisee and an international corporation

Honors, Memberships, and Professional Activities

- Chair, California Judges' Association, ADR Committee, 2006-present
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Appellate Law and Procedure, Empire College of Law, 2006-present
- Alumnus of the Year, University of San Francisco, 1998
- Trial Judge of the Year, Consumer Attorneys of California, 1995
- Trial Judge of the Year, San Francisco Trial Lawyers' Association, 1987
- Member, Commission on Judicial Performance, California Supreme Court, March 1997-March 2001; Chair, February 1999-present
- Member, California Judges Association's Civil Law and Procedure Committee
- Member, Advisory Committee, California Judicial Council on Business Courts, 1993-1996
- Member, Redwood Empire Food Bank, Present
- Member, Edward J. McFertridge American Inn of Court, 1987-present; President of Inn, 1998-1999
- Faculty, Judicial College and Continuing Studies Program, Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER)
- Adjunct Professor of Law (Juvenile Law), University of San Francisco, 1985-1991
- Lectures locally and nationally on various aspects of ADR including ethics

Background and Education

- Justice, First Appellate District, Court of Appeal, Division Four, 1995-2000; (Presiding Justice, 1997-2000); (Associate Justice, 1995-1997)
- Judge, Superior Court, San Francisco, 1978-1995; (Presiding Judge, 1988-1989)
- Judge, Municipal Court, San Francisco, 1972-1978
- Associate, Hoberg, Finger, Brown & Abramson, specializing in civil trial practice, principally plaintiff personal injury, 1967-1972
- Legal Officer, U.S. Marine Corps, serving as Regimental Legal Officer, 5th Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton and Camp Hanson, Okinawa. Served as trial/defense counsel, 1st Marine Division at Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, January 1965-December 1967
- J.D., University of San Francisco, 1964

- B.A., University of San Francisco, 1962

References Available Upon Request